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Madrid, December 10.

THE laſt Advices from Gibraltar contain the News following, The continual Rains increas'd the 27th and 28th of laſt Month, but did not however hinder the making of a Place of Arms the 29th pretty near the Body of the Place, and a Parapet for covering the Men poſted in it. The 30th the Rains hinder'd the carrying on of the Works. The ſame day the Enemy's Ships of War that were in the Bay, went out of it and anchor'd in the Point *del Carnero*, but it could not be imagin'd with what Deſign. The 1ſt, 2d and 3d of this Month, there was great Firing on both ſides, the Rains retarding a Battery begun for attacking a Work on which the Enemy had 3 Pieces of Cannon. 'Tis advis'd from Cadix, that the Baron de Pointis with the Squadron he commands, reinforc'd with 5 Spaniſh Ships of War, waited only for a fair Wind to ſail and offer Battle to the Enemy. The Town of Corduba, having, to ſhew their Affection for the King's Service, rais'd 1000 Men by a voluntary Contribution; thoſe Men are march'd to reinforce the Army before Gibraltar, under the Conduct of the Corregidor of Corduba, who diſtinguiſh'd himſelf by his Zeal on this Occaſion. The Nobility and Gentry of the Country about Corduba, have ſent Ammunition to the Camp before Gibraltar, and alſo 1000 *Fanegas* of Wheat, and 3000 of Barley or Oats.

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Madrid, Dec. 19. The Continuance of the Rains has retarded the Siege of Gibraltar, moſt of the Works being fill'd with Water, ſo that the Beſiegers were partly employ'd till the 6th of this Month in draining them: Yet that did not hinder their working on a new Battery of 6 Guns, and on another againſt that the Enemy have on the old Mole. The 7th the Enemy's Ships, which were at an Anchor at the Point of Carnero, in Number 18, return'd into the Bay; whether to ſhelter themſelves from bad Weather the Sea running very high, or to cover themſelves with the Artillery of the Place in caſe the Baron de Pointis ſhould attack them, we know not. The Baron de Pointis was to ſail the 10th inſtant: the Wind having long been contrary hindred his getting out of the Bay of Cadix ſooner. The Beſiegers continued to work on the Batteries notwithſtanding the Rains, a great Number of Faſcines were plac'd properly to keep up the Earth of the Works, and this the Beſiegers continued doing the 8th. The Enemy made a great Fire with their ſmall Arms, but did not kill one Man. In the Night a Noiſe was heard in that part of the Camp where the French Troops are quarter'd, and a ſmall Veſſel of Guipuſcoa was ſeen coming towards the Shore, which Veſſel had been taken a few days before by the Enemy. Captain Don Antonio de Igarçaval, who had fitted her out for a Privateer, and 4 others were Priſoners in her, and were guarded by 7 Engliſhmen, from whom having ſnatch'd 2 Cutlaſſes, they attack'd them, took them Priſoners, and came and run the Veſſel aground near the Land. Then they got into their Shallop, brought the 7 Engliſh Priſoners with them aſhore, and afterwards burnt the Veſſel. The King has ſent to each of them a Medal of Gold. The 9th a new Place of Arms was finiſh'd. The 10th 1500 Men from Corduba and Grenada arriv'd in the Camp. At Midnight 17 of the Enemy's Boats advanc'd, to ſet on fire ſome Barks on the Eaſt-ſide of the Bay. Major General Don Joſeph d'Armendariz, march'd to oppoſe them with the Infantry, and ſome Cavalry, that are under his Command; and the Enemy durſt not land. They only fir'd from their Boats, and wounded a Soldier and Don Joſeph de Eydilla a Captain of Grenadiers. The 11th a Signal was ſeen to be made by the Enemy, to give notice to their Squadron, that they ſaw coming the Ships commanded by the Baron de Pointis. An hour after, 'twas known the Baron with his Squadron was at Cape Spartel, but was oblig'd by the Wind to ſtop there. The Battery of 8 Guns, 3 of them 36 Pounders, the reſt 24 Pounders, was finiſh'd. From that day the Enemy's Cannon ceas'd firing: and 6 Pieces that were on the Battery on the new Mole were diſmounted. The 13th two Couriers brought an Account that the Baron de Pointis with his Squadron was at the Mouth of the Streights. The Enemy ſail'd Eaſt-ward that they might get Sea-room. The 14th the Wind being chang'd hinder'd the Arrival of the Baron de Pointi's Squadron: The Enemy's Squadron return'd, but could not enter the Bay the Wind not permitting. The Beſieged have for ſome days paſt been ſparing of their Fire.

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From the Camp before Verue, Dec. 9. The Night between the 5th and 6th of this Month, the Marquis de Goesbriant who commanded in the Trenches, order'd 15 Grenadiers to attack the Right Angle of the Covert-Way, and at the ſame time directed all the Troops that were in the Trenches to make a great Fire of Grenadoes and Muſquets, to oblige the Enemies to Spring the Fourneaux (a ſort of Mine) they might have prepar'd; but they had ſet fire to them 2 days before and with them had blown up the Mine of the Beſiegers; ſo that they abandon'd that Angle, and our Men lodg'd themſelves in the Hole made by the Springing of thoſe Fourneaus. The Lodgment was extended 20 Fathom towards the Centre, and about 4 Fathoms towards the Right. The Enemy ſprung a ſmall Mine on the Left, which blew up 12 Men, but not one of them was wounded except the Sieur du Ry an Ingenier, who had his Thigh broke. There were but 15 Men kill'd or wounded that Night. The 3d Son of the Sieur de Chartogne Lieutenant General had his Leg broke. The 6th in the Morning the Miners began to dig on the Left of the Lodgment in order to deſcend into the Ditch. At Night the Sieur du Gaſt and the Count de Sezane having reliev'd the Trenches, the Lodgment was perfected and an advance made towards the Place of Arms. The Enemy threw a great Number of Grenadoes, by which 20 Soldiers were ſlightly wounded. The 7th the Sieur de Mongon, the Marquis de Dreux, and the Marquis de Maulevrier-Langeron, mounted the Trenches. Night being come on, 10 Grenadiers were commanded to go upon the Angle of the Left and as many on the Angle of the Centre, in order to engage the Enemy to ſpring their Mines; but they contenting themſelves with ſhooting only, the Grenadiers were call'd off, and it was reſolv'd to wait till the Mine that was ready ſhould be ſprung the next day. The 8th in the Evening, the Marquis de las Torres mounted the Trenches with the Count du Bourg and the Sieur d'Autrey. The Mine made a great Aperture, by which the Company of Grenadiers of the Regiment of Lombardy entred. The Enemy ſprung a little Mine, which did no Execution, only threw the Captain into the Ditch, where he was wounded and taken, but his Company rallying reſcued him, beat the Enemy from the Place of Arms, and took the Chevalier de Blagnac Collonel of the Regiment of Saluces.

ces. At the ſame time, 2 Companies of Grenadiers attack'd the Angle of the Centre, and 2 others that of the Left. The Grenadiers of the Regiment of Lombardy charg'd in Flank thoſe who defended the Angle of the Centre, and beat them from the Place, where a Lodgement was eaſily made afterwards. There was greater Reſiſtance made at the Angle of the Left, the Enemy who were all retir'd thither, making a briſk Fire; ſo that the Marquis de las Torres was oblig'd to ſend thither a Company of Grenadiers of the Marine Regiment and of that of Berwick, who beat the Enemy from that Angle, where a Lodgement was made and a Communication with the Centre. Thus we are intirely poſſeſs'd of the Covert-Way. In this Action 15 Soldiers were kill'd and 66 wounded, with 5 or 6 Officers. We are employ'd at preſent in perfecting the Works, in making Mines under the Ditch, and in raiſing a Battery on the Covert-Way of 12 twenty four Pounders.

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From the Camp before Verue, Dec. 16. The 9th Inſtant in the Afternoon, the Marquis de Bezons Lieutenant General, and the Sieurs de Guerchois and de Colandre mounted the Trenches. Our Men work'd to enlarge the Lodgment, and to repair a Battery of 10 or 12 Pieces of Cannon. About 9 a Clock at Night, the Beſieged ſprung a Mine which ruin'd part of the Lodgment between the Angle of the Centre and that of the Left, and buried ſome of our Workmen. Immediately our Men fell to work to repair the Lodgment, and to raiſe the Battery, notwithſtanding the great Fire of Artillery and ſmall Shot, which the Enemy made all Night. We had 12 Men kill'd, among them the Sieur de Mailly an Ingenier, and 20 wounded. The 10th the Trenches were reliev'd by Count Albergotti, the Sieur de Morangiers, and the Marquis de Broglio. That Day and the Night following were ſpent in perfecting the Works and Batteries, and enlarging the Trenches, that the Cannon might be drawn undiſcover'd to the Batteries. The Beſieged fir'd inceſſantly from their Cannon and ſmall Arms, and caſt out of Mortars a great Number of Stones, yet kill'd but 2 Men and wounded 3. The 11th the Marquis de Praſlin, the Count de Croy, and the Chevalier de Bonnelle reliev'd the Trenches. That Day and the Night following were ſpent in drawing the Cannon from the Place where ſtand the old Batteries to the Counterſcarp. The Miners advanc'd under the Ditch, 2 Fathom beyond the Place of Arms of the Covert-Way, and dug 2 deep Holes near the Angle of the Left, to ſeek for the Enemy's Mines and in order to advance under the left Face of the *Fauſſe-braye*. They did the like near the Angle of the Right, that the Batteries might be ſecur'd from the Enemy's Mines, and that the *Fauſſe-braye* might be attack'd on all Sides. The ſame day the old Batteries were repair'd; they had been damag'd by the continual Rains, which did not ceaſe till the 8th. 1 Captain and 5 Soldiers were kill'd, and 2 Captains and 12 Soldiers wounded. The 12th the Count de Montgon, and the Count d'Eſterre mounted the Trenches. We continued to work upon the Battery on the Counterſcarp, which will not fire till the Mines that are making in the Ditch and under the *Caponiere*, are ſprung; for fear of ſhaking them and rendring them uſeleſs. The 13th the Works were carried on, and the old Batteries began to play upon the Donjon, which fires inceſſantly on the *Epaulemens* made to cover the Left. That day we had but 6 or 7 Soldiers kill'd or wounded. The 14th in the Night, the Marquis de Bouligneux Lieutenant General, who commanded in the Trenches, was kill'd by a Muſquet-ſhot, his Loſs is lamented by the whole Army. The Duke of Vendome being inform'd by Deſerters, that there were ſtill a great many Mines under the Counterſcarp, has given Order for countermining them, to preſerve his Troops. Laſt Night, the Beſieged ſprung a Mine which blew up ſeveral Officers, and Fifteen or Twenty Soldiers, among them the Count de Chemeraut, who was not wounded, though he was cover'd with Earth and Stones. We have not been able to place more than 10 Pieces of Cannon a the Battery upon the Covert-Way: But are working upon two others of Six Guns each, to ruine the Enemy's Defences, and diſmount their Artillery. The Sieur de Blagnac, Collonel of the Regiment of Saluces, who was taken in the Attack of the Counterſcarp, is dead of his Wounds. Lerters of the 14th from the Army under the Grand Prior of France, adviſe, That he had been joyn'd by 6 Battallians that ſerv'd in Languedoc againſt the Camiſars. He had Intelligence, That the Count de Leiningen had made a Detachment of 2000 Men, moſt Horſe; and that he had ſent them by the Trentin, and by the Road of Chinſa, to advance on the other ſide of the Adige towards the Ferrareze, and to croſs the Po at Lagoſcuro, in order to ſuccour Mirandola, or to oblige him by that Diverſion to make ſome Motion that might give the Imperialiſts an opportunity to penetrate into Piemont. But the Grand Prior uſes his beſt Endeavours to keep them pent up, and to guard the Paſſages to cover the Siege of Verue; and has thought it ſufficient to ſecure the Boats and Mills on the Po, and to ſend neceſſary Orders to the Count de Biſſy and the Marquis d' Eſclainvillies, to oppoſe the Deſigns of the Enemy. However, the Duke of Vendome has ſent to him the Count de Medavy, Lieutenat-General, with two Regiments of Horſe, and one of Dragoons.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated Jan. 6.

From the Camp at Creſcentino, *Decemb.* 15. The French own they loſt 400 Men in the three Aſſaults they gave before they could lodge themſelves on the Couterſcarp of Verue the 9th of this Month. Monſieur de Blagnac who was wounded, and taken on that Occaſion, is dead of his Wounds: The Duke of Vendome having ſent his Body hither, we have buried it. His Royal Highneſs is extremly concern'd for this Loſs. The Night between the 13th and 14th the Beſieged ſprung a Mine under the Covert-Way, which ruin'd all the Lodgement the Enemy had made there, as alſo a Battery of 6 Guns which they had on the Counterſcarp, ſo that they have been oblig'd to raiſe a new Battery. 'Tis computed the Enemy had 400 Men blown up by that Mine, many of whoſe Bodies fell into the Fauſſe-braye of the Place.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Jan. 6.

Paris, Dec. 29. The Duke of Vendome has written a Letter to the King, in which he acquaints him with the Reaſons of the tedious length of the Siege of Verue. We are aſſur'd the Letter was well receiv'd; and that his Majeſty has return'd Anſwer to the Duke de Vendome, rhat he is well ſatisfied with his Conduct, and that if Verue could be taken by the End of this Month, he ſhould continue the Siege; But that if he found it could not, he might take neceſſary Precautions for preſerving his Troops.

From the Harlem Courant, dated Jan. 6.

Bern, Dec. 25. We have confirm'd Advice, that the Count of Leiningen is advancing with ſeveral thouſand Men towards Piemont, and that with this Body of Men, which conſiſts moſtly of Horſe, he is already advanc'd to the River Adda.

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Baſil, Dec. 28. Letters from Milan of the 23d of this Month, make no mention of the March of Count Leiningen towards Piemont; which makes it doubted the News we had here the 25th, of that March, is not true. Theſe Letters only ſay, that the Grand Prior of France continues in his former Poſts in the Neighbouroood of Dezenzano.

From the Paris Letter, dated January 3.

Paris, Jan. 3. The King has declar'd, that the Marſhal de Villeroy ſhall command on the Moſelle, the Marſhal de Marſin in Flanders under the Elector of Bavaria, and the Marſhal de Villars in Germany. A Captain of Horſe, in a Letter from the Camp before Verue dated the 19th of laſt Month, writes, that he is to ſerve in the Detachment of 1000 Horſe that are to ſupport the Foot that will be order'd upon the general Aſſault; which Aſſault he ſays was appointed to be given on Chriſtmas-Eve, there being ſufficient Breaches made,

In yeſterday's Courant, the 6th Line of the firſt Column, dele *above*.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Saturday being the 30th of December, will be preſented a Comedy call'd, The Conſtant Couple, or, A Trip to the Jubilee. And the famous Signiora Franciſca Margaretta de 'Epine, being lately return'd to England, will ſing ſeveral Songs in Italian and Engliſh, never perform'd before by her. And Danceing by Mrs. du Ruel.

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